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FOR SCHAUFELE FROM EDMONDSON

E.O. 11652: X-GDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RICHARD MARKS TIME

1. IF IVOR RICHARD'S MEETINGS WITH OTHERS OF HIS PARTY AND SIR DAVID SCOTT PRODUCED ANY POLICY ANALYSIS OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO FCO TODAY THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY NOT YET IN A POSITION TO SHARE THEM.

2. SCOTT SAID HE HAD CALLED BRAND FOURIE AND TOLD HIM RICHARD WOULD BE HAPPY TO COME TO CAPE TOWN TO SEE VORSTER IF FOURIE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL, BUT FOURIE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY AS SAG HAD NOTHING NEW THEY COULD SAY TO RICHARD BEYOND THEIR LAST MEETING. SCOTT CONCLUDED THAT VORSTER WOULD NOT REFUSE TO SEE RICHARD IF HE WANTED TO COME, BUT RICHARD FELT IT BEST NOT TO ASK FOR A MEETING. HE THUGHT BOTH SIDES WOULD WANT TO AVOID ANY PUBLIC IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE COZYING UP BECAUSE OF SMITH'S REJECTION OF THE UK PROPOSALS.

3. SCOTT SAID FOURIE TOLD HIM THE NEWS OF SMITH'S REJECTION
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CAME TO THE SAG AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE. HE ADDED THAT RAMSBOTHAM HAD REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT PIK BOTHA SAID SOMETHING SIMILAR TO HIM.

4. RICHARD WAS AWAITING THE TEXT OF STATEMNT C
CROSLAND IS
SCHEUDLED TO MAKE IN PARLIAMENT TONIGHT AND PLANS TO SIT

TIGHT UNTIL HE HAS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. HE SAID CROSLAND HAD TOLD THEM JUST TO GO OUT INTO THE HILLS FOR A REST IF THERE WERE ANY HILLS AROUND JOHANNESBURG.

5. HE SAID THEY STILL WANT TO SEE NKOMO AND MUGABE IN LUSAKA, PRESUMABLY ON FRIDAY THE 28TH OR SATURDAY, BUT THEY DO NOT WANT TO GET MIXED UP IN THE MOYO FUNERAL OR OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

6. RICHARD WONDERED IF I HAD TEXT OF STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY WHICH I DID NOT.

7. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED BY EDITORIAL REACTIONS IN DAR ES SALAAM ANE LUSAKA AND WAS IN A SOMEWHAT DESULTORY MOOD WONDERING WHERE TO GO WITH THE PROCESS FROM HERE. HE HAD COMMENTED LAST NIGHT THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD NEED USG

HELP NOW (WITH BOTH SMITH AND VORSTER) BUT DID NOT REPEAT THIS TODAY. HE DECLINED REQUESTS FOR FURTHER PRESS INTERVIEWS AND A TV APPEARANCE THIS EVENING (WAITING FOR CROSLAND'S STATEMENT) BUT HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO A "PERSONALITY INTERVIEW" FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S FINANCIAL MAIL TOMORROW.

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